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# THE DARDANUP TIMES

## “WOMEN IN CAMPDRAFTING” DARDANUP 2025

The 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of November saw the Dardanup Equestrian Centre light up for all things charity. The Dardanup Campdraft Club hosted a national event called the Women in Campdrafting, this event is hosted by a campdraft club and brings women who campdraft together to a place of fun, laughter, learning, camaraderie, and all things breast cancer.

With the aim to fundraise for the McGrath Foundation and provide funds to support the breast cancer nurses when ladies need them the most.

The facilities at the Dardanup Equestrian Centre, are second to none, with the ability to run x 6 clinicians at one time, doing horsemanship and cattle work simultaneously.

Thursday was a hub of activity with club members working together, ever reliable Brent Tyler, together with Wayne Crook, Noel Fowler, and Stephanie Solomon, transforming the DEC to a showcase facility.

Four, high end clinicians flew in from far north Qld, Tamworth and Melbourne and were joined with two locals from Kojonup and Capel.

Friday night brought together women from all over the state, from as far as Esperance in the south to the pilbara in the north, and all areas in between.

Also visiting from Victoria was Shannon Williams-Browne who is the instigator of these events, together with Sandra Beirs, from NSW who volunteer with the national Classic Ladies Foundation, these ladies participate and support these events all over Australia, they were delighted to be in Dardanup and sung praises for our facility and the camaraderie of participants and tireless work by the campdraft club.

Sixty two participants, spent the day on Saturday learning from the clinicians, specialising in horsemanship, Campdrafting and Challenging. A day of soaking up knowledge, meeting new friends, being with long time, like minded friends and loving being on horseback, meanwhile club members, cleaned, thankyou, Susan Peace, cooked and prepared for a night of spectacle under the stars.

Under the shady verandah we shared lunch and had a visit from Sarah Russell Senior Philanthropic Partnerships Manager from Sydnes and Michell, a Cancer Care nurse from Bunbury, who took time to talk, self care and awareness of preventative measures surrounding breast care.

Saturday night, participants, club members, clinicians, special guests were invited to join in the most hilarious “Op Shop Hideous” cocktail party, fun was had by all, with terrific catwalk moves, and so many great op shop buys, good music, the perfect recipe for a fun night filled with loads of laughter.

The DEC was transformed into an open air amphitheatre, complete with lights and a formal dinner setting. A home cooked delight, provided by the Campdraft Club, cooked by the tireless and very

talented Ruve Tyler, with the help with sweets from Jacquie Dalstrom and Carol Clark.

Special Guest speaker Lyn Fraser, one of campdrafts long time members, who is a breast cancer survivor, a nurse and most importantly a Mum and wife. With the help of her long term friend, Sally Browne, Lyn was able to share her journey with breast cancer, how it affected her family and the importance of her husbands support.

Still not enough, while the busy fairies, Freya Kerr and Anne Lasini worked the kitchen, doing the dishes, the auction got under way to help raise funds, and with the greatest thanks to generous local business, and individuals personal generosity, we were able to auction goods so varied, from the very popular bird bath, to hand tooled handbags and sire service fees. The auction raised \$12,662 of much appreciated support. The infamous Tiny Holly, entertained the crowd and sold the items, as the cold easterly and tired bodies were tempting the ladies to their beds.

Finally the cold night air took its toll and we retired our weary bodies, only to join up in the early morning for breakfast and another day of cattlework and tuition, while members from the Dardanup Campdraft club packed away the frivolities and restored the DEC to its glory. Thankful for the big trees and sunshine that brought everyone together for a last lunch, thankyous, prizes, and some farewells.

Congratulations to the Dardanup Campdraft Club, all the members and the Committee Michael Dell-Agostino, Ruve Tyler, Tim and Zoe Prosser, for hosting this event, only a week before one of our major annual campdrafts, such an amazing group of individuals, working together, to create great things and while the final amount is still not finalised, we do know that this event has raised over \$28,000 to be donated to the McGrath Foundation. Absolutely fantastic.

Check out the fun photos on the Dardanup Campdraft Inc and Women in Campdrafting facebook pages. Its well worth it.

**Dawn Solomon**





## Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre News

'HELP PLEASE!! The Ferguson Valley Visitors Centre needs some more volunteers. It can be for as little as 3 hours a month. Drop in or call the Centre on 97281551 between 9.30 - 3.30 and leave your name and number, training provided. We would love to meet you!'

The Ferguson Valley Visitors Centre has been humming lately with the November Fete turning our beautiful garden into a festive Christmas market. The weather, attractive stalls of plants, craft & baked goods, jewellery, clothes, knitting, bric a brac was all perfect.

The cruisy ambiance was provided by David Bev & Nick whose music provided a wonderful background to the cafe under the tree. A place to chat & enjoy a coffee & sausage sizzle from the West Dardanup Bush Fire Brigade whose cheery banter added to the wonderful atmosphere.

The Dardanup Heritage Collective had a really impressive display of wedding dresses just over the road in the Thomas Little Hall.

Open Garden weekend in October was a great success, selling potted plants, garden sleeves and Sweet Treats. Many thanks to all who struck cuttings, sewed sleeves and baked and manned the FVVC over the weekend.

New Volunteers are much needed & very welcome - drop in or call the Centre on 97281551 between 9.30 - 3.30 and leave your name and number, training provided. We would love to meet you!

The Volunteers are sad to see our Coordinator Gae Besson finish at the end of the year. Gae has been amazing in the role for the past 6 years and has always been so supportive, communicating brilliantly with all the vollies & a great organiser with a fine eye for details. We will also miss Gae's partner Rob who also helped in so many ways.

Our 'Artizan' for the months of Dec & Jan are the Dardanup Heritage Collective whose knowledge & stories of the district are far reaching & so very interesting. Pop in & see their display & if there is anything you can add, they would love to hear from you. HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE & may 2026 be Amazing! Remember - New Years Day is Everyone's Birthday!!

**Robyn Jones & Libby Pardoe**



**Daniela Pessotto - Robba**  
was one of the 16 stallholders at the recent FVVC Xmas Fete. You will find Daniela's cards in stock at the FVVC

## Dardanup Heritage Collective News Christmas Gift Time

What a wonderful time was had on Sunday 16 November, with the Dardanup Heritage Collective's annual display at Thomas Little Hall. This year's theme was "Clothing of the Past" with a focus on wedding attire.

Thanks to all who contributed precious clothing and their time to make such a successful day. Visitors got to see dress items and photos from weddings in the late 1800s, right up to the 1980s.

If you are looking for a Christmas gift, a range of books about local history is available at the Ferguson Valley Visitors' Centre where the Dardanup Heritage Collective will be featuring all through December.

For more information on what is available, go to our web site: [dardanupheritagecollective.org.au](http://dardanupheritagecollective.org.au) and use the Search function (top right) and type in "Books for Sale". Titles and prices are listed.



We are having a break until February 2026 but will keep you up to date with our projects throughout next year. The Dardanup Heritage Collective meets on the second Friday of every month. New members warmly welcomed. Wish everyone a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year.

**Janice Calcei**

**Jill Cross with 2 of the Dardanup Heritage Collective books for sale at the FVVC**



**Sheila Butcher on left and Lesley Gibbs with Lesleys wedding dress displayed at the DHC's 'Clothing Of the Past'**  
Lesley Gibbs (nee Townsend) married Tom Gibbs in 1956 at St Pauls Church in Bunbury

### Dardanup Art Spectacular News

The Dardanup Art Spectacular(DAS) recently held its AGM with Kerry Lowe elected as Chairperson; Chris Mines- V/ Chairperson; Trinity Spokes - Secretary; Jill Cross – Treasurer; Committee- Jenny Spokes, Diana Neggo, Colin Johnston.

If you are interested in being on the Trail as either an artist or as a venue please contact Jenny -

[jenny@professionalsaustralind.com.au](mailto:jenny@professionalsaustralind.com.au)

And artists out there, whether you are experienced or emerging we would love to see your artwork in this annual event.

A special call out to Shire of Dardanup primary and secondary artists too as well as photographers as would like to see more work in these categories. There was \$12500.00 in prize money awarded this year.

If you would like to attend one of our monthly meetings please email [kerrykerrylowe2@gmail.com](mailto:kerrykerrylowe2@gmail.com) for details.

So save the date for an exciting weekend.

#### Important dates for 2026-

**Art registration** from March 2

**Closing date** for submissions April 6

**Friday night opening and Exhibition presentation** May 1

**Exhibition and Art Trail** May 2-3

### Ferguson Valley Marketing News

Recent months have been a whirl wind. The newly elected FVM Board held their first meeting in October and immediately got to work discussing and redrafting a 3 -5-year Strategic Plan for presentation to the Shire in late November. To ensure the Board captured all points of view outcomes from a workshop with the Visitor Centre Volunteers was rolled into the plan. It is not until Shire Councillors have had the opportunity of considering our ideas that we will have clarity around the strategy but we are optimistic that our initiatives will be well considered.

Feedback from businesses participating in Lost and Found 2025 tell us it was a huge success. The opening night at Hope Springs Farm was very well attended and thanks to Gillian and John Banks, Jill Cross for providing one of the Bull and Barrell puppets, Aaron & Ardrie and their team from Hackersley and to our wine and beer producers in the valley. Huge congratulations to Tammy, Ebony, Lindsey, Lucy and Gerri for all their hard work.

Rascals Corner hosted our networking evening in mid-November. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed Kath and Russel's hospitality at their very welcoming cellar door.

We are also very excited and honoured to be one of the main Sponsors alongside Geographe Wines in the Sawatzky Cup- an Annual teams tennis tournament in January, held on the magnificent Alexander Park tennis courts. This event raises funds and awareness for rare illness and diseases on behalf of Rare Voices Australia. 8 wineries from the Geographe region will be showcased and support this event including Green Door Wines, Talisman Wines, Fearon Wines, Rascal's Corner Wines, Hackersley Estate Wines, Crooked Brook Wines & Ironcloud Wines.

At the end of December we farewell Gae Bessen, Visitor Centre Co-ordinator. After 6 years of dedicated work steering the FVVC Gae is retiring and now looks forward to a well-earned break. At the time of going to press FVVC and FVM have not fully resolved how Gae's role will be filled but it is likely it will be split with marketing and social media component being taken up by Ebony.

Gae is normally in at the VC on Tuesday mornings so please drop in and say goodbye and show her your appreciation for her work. FVM Board and all the volunteers wish Gae a long, happy and fun filled retirement.

Wishing you a happy and safe festive season.

**Ebony Harding**

### Green Door News

Holiday Opening Hours:

Last Day of Operation 2025: Sunday, December 21st 11-430

First Day of Operation 2026: Friday, January 2nd 11-430

### Riley Pearce @ Green Door Wines: Saturday, February 14th, 2026

Join us on Saturday 14th Feb 2026, for a dreamy evening of live music under the stars! BYO picnic and low seating to unwind as the sun sets over the Ferguson Valley, and soak in the laid-back tunes of Riley Pearce. Tickets on sale now.



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**Regards,  
Dean and Courtney Buckman**

## Shire of Dardanup News Eaton Recreation Centre – Vacation Care Program Opening Soon!

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Eligible families can claim the Child Care Subsidy for our Vacation Care Program.

Bookings open 11am Monday, 1 December for the December – January school holidays.

### December 2025 Dates

Open daily from 7.45am – 5.45pm

Friday, 19 December 2025

### January 2026 Dates

Monday, 5 January – Friday, 9 January

Monday, 12 January – Friday, 16 January

Monday, 19 January – Friday, 23 January

Tuesday, 27 January – Friday, 30 January

Closed Monday, 26 January

To find more information or enrol your children now, head to our website below!

<https://erc.dardanup.wa.gov.au/.../chi.../vacation-care.aspx>



## South West Country Music Club News

On behalf of the South West Country Music Club we would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year. Everyone is invited to on 21st December, for our December dance in the Australind Seniors Hall 1 - 4.30pm with popular band MIDWAY. with all the usual raffles, tea/coffee/ afternoon tea

Our 1st dance for 2026 is on 18th January at the Australind Seniors Hall, Mardo Ave Australind with Perth band - BADHEARTS keeping everyone on their toes for the afternoon. The usual raffles, door prize, tea/coffee/ afternoon tea available. Entry: Mem \$10 Guests \$15.00 Everyone Welcome..

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## Shire of Dardanup News

### Celebrate with Summer Vibes this December – February

Celebrate Summer with FREE events from December – January



This summer, the Shire of Dardanup invites you to soak up the sunshine and join us for Summer Vibes – a celebration of community, connection, and the great outdoors.

Across December, January, and February, our towns will come alive with a vibrant line-up of free and family-friendly events designed to bring people together.

From live music and markets to wellness activities, outdoor adventures, and community celebrations, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Whether you're exploring our parks and foreshore areas, discovering new local experiences, or simply relaxing with friends and family, Summer Vibes is all about celebrating what makes our Shire such a special place to live, work, and play.

Come along, get involved, and make the most of this summer!

Follow the Shire on Facebook and Instagram for event updates and details, or visit the Shire website for more information



### Event Highlights

Yoga with Gyani at Carramar Park, 28 January, 6.00pm-

7.15pm, no bookings, free, byo mat

X5 Academy Parkour workshop at Carramar Park, 28 January,

9.30-11.30, free, no bookings, 5-11 years

Leschenault Scouts Day at Eaton Foreshore, 30 January, 9.30-

11.30, free, no booking

### Christmas in the Park

Burekup Oval | Friday, 5 December | 5pm – 7.30pm

Join us for a magical evening as the Burekup Oval transforms

into a Christmas wonderland! Christmas performances from

the Philharmonic Southwest (Youth) Orchestra "Sinfionetta",

Tartan Tempest, and carols from the Bel Canto Choir. FREE

face painting, pictures with Santa, train rides, markets, food

trucks, kid's activities and more!



### Eaton Twilight Markets

Eaton Foreshore | Saturday, 20 December | 4pm – 7.30pm

Eaton Foreshore | Saturday, 17 January | 4pm – 7.30pm

Eaton Foreshore | Saturday, 21 February | 4pm – 7.30pm

Enjoy food trucks, artisan markets, live music and a relaxed picnic atmosphere. Every Saturday during December, January and February. Completely FREE to attend!

### ERC Open Day

Eaton Recreation Centre

Saturday, 17 January | 10am – 2pm

Discover all that ERC has to offer at our ERC Open Day! Enjoy sports and fitness activities, kids' zones, group fitness classes, sports club stalls and centre tours for the whole family.

Whether you're looking to explore new sports, try fitness classes, or discover programs, there's something for all!

### Ferguson Hall News

Merry Christmas to all local residents! We had an enjoyable sundowner at the Hall on November 7th, with some new faces mixing with the regular crowd. Our next Sundowner is Friday December 5th from 6.00pm. Please bring your meat for a BBQ with a salad or dessert to share. All are welcome! We have the annual Family Christmas Tree on Sunday 21st Dec complete with arrival of Santa. Gifts for your children can be dropped off at Dardanup Rural - don't forget to fill in your delivery in the book. Look for details in the poster in this edition.

Also the Hall committee are investing in 12 round tables for use at the Hall, giving flexibility in the style of seating for different functions.

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## Year 6 Camp

Recently, the Year 6 students enjoyed an exciting four-night camp. Students participated in a wide range of outdoor and indoor activities and embraced the opportunity to step out of their comfort zones, navigating underground caves, scaling rock climbing walls, and working together to find lost treasures.



## Interschool Athletics Carnival

Our Lady of Lourdes School recently competed in a regional Catholic Interschool Athletics Carnival, joining other local Catholic schools. We were incredibly proud of our students, throughout the day, they supported one another, encouraged students from other schools, and showed great respect both on and off the field. We had some excellent results in various events, and we look forward to next year's carnival.







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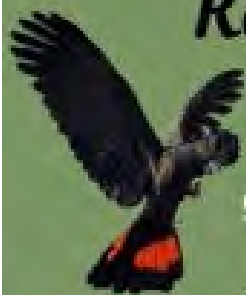


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### YEAR 5/ 6 SCHOOL CAMP AT ROTTNEST ISLAND

A memorable experience, our students claim as their primary school highlight, is the biennial school camp. Our Year 5 & 6 students enjoyed a weeklong camp of surfing, cycling, an island tour on a jet boat, a museum scavenger hunt, movie night, t-shirt design, a train journey learning about the island's history of Aboriginal colonization, military defence during World War II, and a lot of beach fun. Students recorded their experiences in their journals which were amazing. It is wonderful to have a generous staff committed to a weeklong camp.



## Boyanup Farmers Market

Boyanup Farmers Market gears up for a December Market just in time for Christmas on 21st December

Regular favourites will return to their usual spots, joined by an exciting range of new stallholders bringing even more colour, flavour, and variety to the heart of Boyanup.

Shoppers can look forward to our wonderful produce just in time for Christmas entertaining. The market will also expand its fresh produce, with new growers joining long-standing fruit and vegetable sellers to provide a wider selection of seasonal goods including strawberries, and a fully certified organic vegetable stall.

We have a variety of plant stalls including potted flowers and vegetable and herb seedlings. Some great gift ideas just in time for that last minute gift.

The Boyanup Farmers Market continues to be a much-loved gathering place for locals and visitors alike, offering fresh food, artisan goods, and a warm, community-minded atmosphere.

The market will run from **8am to 12pm on 21 December** at the Boyanup Memorial Park. Wishing all readers of the Dardanup Times a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, look forward to your continued support in 2026.

**Tanya Williams**



## DARDANUP CRICKET CLUB

### JUNIORS

We are definitely into the cricket season here at Dardanup, our 3 junior teams have hit the ground running. We have 2 year 6 teams and 1 year 7 team, so great to see so many kids down enjoying this great game.

Round 1 was 25<sup>th</sup> October and the kids were so excited, Year 6 Gold beating Donnybrook 129 to 93, Year 6 Green beating Dalyellup/Grammer 98 to 52, Year 7 lost to Burekup 63 to 130.

Round 2 - Year 6 Gold defeated Leschenault Wombats 142 to 112, Year 6 Green defeated Harvey/Benger/Binningup 127 to 117 and Year 7 lost to Colts 5/149 to 6/128. Round 3 Year 6 Gold lost to Marist 118 to 128, Year 6 Green beat Harvey/Benger/Harvey 112 to 90 and Year 7 lost to Dalyellup 92 to 83. The year 7's are getting closer every week, we are looking forward to a good win soon!

Keep up to date with player of the week awards & game results on our socials every weekend.

### SENIORS

Seniors started a week before the Juniors on the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> October, we are fielding two teams this season, C Grade & E Grade. Our seniors start the season off with T20 matches, some Sat & Sun games.

Whilst round 1 we lost all 3 games played, they were very close & not much in them a great start to the new season boys! Round 2 we lost both games, but with a debutant Tom Heenan in E Grade hitting 82 runs it was a great close game & one he will remember!

Rounds 3 & 4 unfortunately didn't go our way either, but the guys are having fun out on the field & team morale is up. We have had some milestones happen within these weeks, it was noted David Wells played 300 games for the club, however we think there might actually be more, so are looking these stats up to clarify exactly how many, we also had Matthew Wells play 200 club games & previous club president Jake Walker take 150 Wickets for the club. Some great milestones for these guys & we look forward to seeing many more over the season.

If you are not following us on Facebook or Instagram, you are missing out! Our resident media man, Adam Scott through his own business, Infinite Productions is doing an awesome job capturing photos & posting results each week. Check out his work, thanks Adam.

**This season marks 30 years for Dardanup Cricket Club & we will be celebrating on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026. If you have been involved with the club during these 30 years we would to see you there, please get in touch with the club for further details or follow us on FB & Insta for more details.**



The Blast Program has started on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October with 32 kids registered, there is still time to join, we come back for Term 1 2026 for 4 weeks, 5<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> Feb



Dardanup Cricket Club

dardanup.cricketclub@outlook.com



Senior Enquiries to Sean Child 0422 295 053

Blast Cricket enquiries to Leila Cooper 0418 247 780



## Dardanup Community Choir

7pm Mondays at the  
Ferguson Hall

Helen Humphreys | 0422 095 870 | hkhumphs@gmail.com

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**

### Mahjong

Provided free to all residents by the Shire of Dardanup. Teachers in attendance.

At the Dardanup Shire office,  
Little St, Dardanup. 1.30 to approx. 4pm  
10/12

**Revely Gardiner 0408833761**





December is the beginning of the Noongar season of **Birak** and is known as the first summer. *In a 'normal' year...* We can expect less rain and warmer weather, with wind patterns that are predictably and predominately Easterly in the morning and Westerly in the

afternoon. As it heats up, my shade-cloth goes up and I garden in the cool morning or early evening after dinner.

Seedlings have been a bit scarce of late and the selection available has been a bit limited, so why not start some seeds at home. It is easier than you think, gives you more choice and saves you money - one 6pk punnet of lettuce seedlings is equal to a packet of 200 lettuce seeds! There are some wonderful WA seed sellers - Thrive Sustainability, Down2Earth, Harvest ME & Yilgarn Seeds. Have a look in your local Hardware or Garden centres or even enquire at your local Community Garden - Thommos' Community Garden in Bunbury sell their own seeds and plants.

My top tips for seed starting and transplanting are: 1. Make sure all your pots, trays and containers are clean. Reuse what you have on hand, strawberry punnets make great mini hot houses! Hot soapy water is fine, then rinse and dry. 2. Fill your containers with good-quality moist seed raising mix - potting mix is ok, just remove any large pieces of bark. It is a good idea to leave a centimetre or two space at the top for easy watering. 3. Plant the seeds, several in one pot - A good rule is to cover them with the same amount of soil as the size of the seed, it is better to be too shallow rather than too deep. Sprinkle tiny seeds on top and water in. Some seeds benefit from being soaked prior to sowing (up to 12 hrs is fine). It will help speed up the germination for peas, beans, corn, beetroot and silverbeet seeds. 4. Water the containers moderately, and let them free drain. You don't want to drown your seeds so this first watering should be ok for the first week until the seeds emerge. Most seeds will germinate within 7-10 days. Put the containers out of direct sunlight, so that the young seedlings don't scorch or dry out. 5. Once the seedlings have germinated, keep the soil moist (not waterlogged). They need light and airflow to make sure the stems are strong and they don't get 'leggy'. When the seedlings have their first true leaves, you can start transplanting them out to the garden. Any 'extras' can be separated at planting or snip off the weaker ones with scissors so the roots aren't disturbed. 6. Before planting out, if they have been grown indoors you will need to 'harden them off' or get them used to the outside environment. Ideally you would take them outdoors and put them in a sheltered spot for a few days before planting them out. Mine are grown in an outdoor greenhouse, so I plant them out late afternoon to give them overnight to settle in before the heat of the next day, water them in with a seaweed solution to reduce transplant shock and give them a bit of shade for the first week. I have added some shade-cloth to a few old dog bed frames and they act like mini shade houses for my seedlings. *Note: be gentle with your seedlings and always plant them into moist soil.* Summer is the season when I grow a wide variety of crops, focussing on the ones that we eat more regularly, store well and can be transformed into salsas, sauces and pickles - condiments, herbs and spices are expensive to buy but much tastier and cheaper to make at home. Regardless of your space it is very important to

rationalise what you grow. '*Grow what you like to eat and Eat what you grow*' sounds fairly obvious but it is easy to fall into the trap of wanting to grow everything!

Water and Time are precious commodities over the summer period. Some vegetables are relatively cheap to purchase in bulk and/or require large growing areas (such as carrots, onions) so consider buying those and focussing on other crops. Garlic and Turmeric are high yielding and expensive (\$60/kg) so well worth growing at home. Spring/Summer is the time to plant Ginger and Turmeric. One good sized knob of ginger planted now should yield about 1kg in April, Turmeric will give you a better harvest if left for 2 years but you will still be able to harvest some 'fingers' in the Autumn/Winter months. How to plant: Find some nice pieces of ginger / turmeric at your local grocer/farmers market or rescue the ones sprouting/withering away in the bottom of your fridge drawer. They don't have to be organically grown but definitely make sure they are grown in Australia. Wide pots are best as they grow outwards, spreading like outstretched fingers and a cheap and cheerful option is a large styrofoam box with drain holes poked 3cm up the sides from the base. They are heavy feeders so fill your pot/container with good quality potting mix. Place the rhizome flat and cover with a soil (same depth as the rhizome). They like to be moist but not waterlogged and keep them in a sheltered spot away from the afternoon heat. It might take a couple of weeks before they sprout and leaves begin to show (turmeric is slower growing) and let them grow through until late autumn before harvesting.

*In my garden...* The garlic has been harvested making room for Sweet corn, Beans (for both fresh eating and dried), tomatoes of all shapes and sizes, Pumpkins, Zucchini and plenty of salad greens! A new planting of Silverbeet, Spring onions and Parsley seedlings are getting ready to replace the winter ones going to seed. I have been pinching out the tops of my basil plants to make them bush out so they produce more and planting more seeds every couple of weeks. *My tip for keeping your garden abundant is to keep planting!* You still have time to plant more of your favourite summer crops. Here are a few suggestions for What to plant in December and January. Leaf crops: Amaranth, Lettuce, Mustard, Silverbeet, Fennel, Celery, Watercress, Purslane, Rocket, French Cress, Sorrel, NZ spinach, Chicory, Cabbage and Chinese cabbage. Root & onion crops: Beetroot, Radish, Kohlrabi, Carrot, Parsnip, Scorzonera, Potato, Leeks, Spring Onions, Yacon, Yam/Oca and Jerusalem artichokes. Legume crops: Climbing Beans, Dwarf Beans and Asparagus pea. Cucurbit & Solanum family: Choko, Cucumber, Luffa, Sweetcorn, Melons, Pumpkin, Squash, Marrow, Zucchini, Tomato, Capsicum, Chilli, Tomatillo, Eggplant, Rosella and Sunflowers. Herbs: Basil, Strawberry plants, Dill, Borage, Nasturtium, Oregano, Sage, Cape Gooseberry, Mint, Tarragon, Lemon Balm, Edible Chrysanthemum, Parsley, Rhubarb, Rosemary, Summer savoury, Horseradish and Chives.

Summer is a busy time - holidays, family and longer daylight hours for gardening! I hope you take time to enjoy your summer garden and cook up a storm with your homegrown produce. Wishing everyone a very Merry Festive Season and Happy New Year. Until next year, *Happy Gardening!*

## Congratulations to

**Crooked Brook Forest Group** who were recognised in the **DBCA Parks and Wildlife Annual Volunteer Impact and Recognition** booklet for their volunteer work at CBF since 1994 and the **BBQ** that they hosted for volunteers in March this year.

**David Wells** for playing 300 plus games for the **Dardanup (previously Waterloo CC) Cricket Club**

**Dardanup Campdraft Club** for hosting the **Women in Campdrafting** event which raised over \$28,000 for the **McGrath Foundation**

**Gae Bessen** who has recently resigned after 6 years as **Coordinator of the Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre**



### **Catholic Parish of Dardanup-Boyanup Christmas Masses 2025**

**All Christmas Masses will be held in the  
Dardanup Church due to renovations taking  
place in Boyanup**

### **Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> December - Dardanup**

No 9am Mass

**5:30pm: Carol singing**

**6:00pm: Vigil Mass: The Nativity of the Lord**

All are warmly welcome to join us for Carols and

Mass held outside on the front lawn, followed by a community supper.

If possible, please bring a small plate of finger food to share.

### **Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December - Dardanup**

**9:00am: Mass of the Nativity of the Lord**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December 9:00am**

**Mass for the Holy Family**

### **What's on In Dardanup**

- 2 December – Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
- 5 December – Ferguson Hall Sundowner, 6pm, see details this edition
- 9 December – Dardanup Environmental Action Group AGM, 5.30pm at Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms, enq 0418 281 201
- 10 December – Mahjong at the Shire office, free, 1.30- 4.00pm
- 16 December - Dardanup Seniors meeting
- 16 December - Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
- 21 December - Boyanup Farmers Market, 8am
- 25 November - Chair Yoga organised by the Shire of Dardanup @ Wells Rec Park Clubrooms, free, 1-2pm
- 30 November – firebreaks and fire prevention work on properties to be completed
- 30 November – Crooked Brook Forest AGM, 4.30pm and BBQ after at CBF, 0418 281 201
- 8 December – Jo Jingles at the Dardanup Hall, 9.30-10, book through the Shire
- 17 December – Ferguson Church Carols by Candlelight, 6.30pm, see details this edition
- 21 December – Ferguson Hall Xmas Tree – see poster this edition
- 20 January – Mens Welfare Group – 2pm at Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
- 26 January – Australia Day Breakfast in Dardanup, see poster this edition
- 28 January- Shire's 'Yoga with Gyani' at Carramar Park, 6.00pm-7.15pm, no bookings, free, byo mat
- 28 January – Shire's 'X5 Academy Parkour workshop', 9.30-11.30, free, no bookings, 5-11 years
- 30 January – Shires's 'Leschenault Scouts Day' at Eaton Foreshore, 9.30-11.30, free, no booking

If you have an event to add  
please email  
[jill.cross@bigpond.com](mailto:jill.cross@bigpond.com)

### **Dardanup and Localities Clubs and Meetings**

- Dardanup Community Choir- every Monday, 7pm @ the Ferguson Hall, Helen 0422 095 870
- Edible Gardening Group – 2nd Saturday of the month at 9.30am, ph Ros 0408949160 or Leanne 0418781121
- Cardinal Junior Football Club - winter
- Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival Committee – 7.30pm, 2nd Wednesday of every month, Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
- Dardanup Cricket Club( Junior and Senior) - summer
- Dardanup Horse and Pony Club – meets 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at the DEC
- Dardanup Lions Club – 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, 6:30pm at the Dardanup Tavern
- Dardanup Environmental Action Group – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, 5.30pm, contact Sec for further details 0418 281 201
- Dardanup Playgroup – every Wednesday of school term, 9.30am – 11.30am @ Dardanup Community Centre
- Dardanup Shire meetings – every fortnight on Wednesday @ Eaton. ph 97240000
- Dardanup Senior Citizens – 3rd Tues of the month @ the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms, 9.30am – 11.30am.
- Dardanup Social Dance – 1st Saturday of each month, Dardanup Hall, 8pm, \$12 ea, supper to share.
- Dardanup Sporting and Community Clubs – 7.00pm, bimonthly at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
- Dardanup Tennis Club – every Saturday from 9.00am, beginners welcome
- Eaton/ Dardanup Football Club(Soccer) – winter season
- Ferguson Hall Committee– 1st Fri of the month @ 5pm, prior to the sundowner. For Hall booking Robyn Jones, 0468 576 950,  
email bse7@bigpond.com
- Ferguson Hall Sundowners – 1st Friday of the month @ 6.00pm, BYO drinks and nibbles.
- Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre Volunteers- 1st Tuesday of each month @ the VC Centre, 9.30am.
- Ferguson Valley Marketing- 3rd Thursday of each month, 5.30pm at the Thomas Little Hall
- Henty Riding Club – meets Wednesdays and other days at the Dardanup Equestrian Centre
- Joshua/ Crooked Brook Sundowner – 2nd Friday of the month, 7.00pm at the Fireshed.
- Knits and Knots Group – Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 1.00 -3.00pm @ the Dardanup Shire office
- St Aidans Church, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 9am, all denominations welcome.
- SW Rose Soc – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, 10.00am, @ Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms
- SW Veteran Car Club – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms.
- Wellington Mill Sundowners – last Friday of the month, 6 – 8pm @ the Fireshed
- Wellington Mills Community Association- for upcoming meeting details please contact Sarah, [sarahhennigankeen@gmail.com](mailto:sarahhennigankeen@gmail.com)
- Dardanup Central Bushfire Brigade training @ the Fire Station, Recreation Rd, 5.30pm every Wednesday
- Ferguson Valley Mountain Bike Club – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Wells Rec Park Clubrooms, Mark, 0408 331 447
- Mens Welfare Group – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 2-5pm at the Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms, Ray 0417 932 898
- Mahjong - Every fortnight on Wednesdays 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the Dardanup Shire office in Dardanup Revelly 0408 833 761

## Dardanup Senior Citizens Inc News

Our meeting was held today the 18<sup>th</sup> November with 16 attending & 7 apologies.

We welcome 2 new members, Norma & Lance Hurst. Great to have some new Members.

Discussions on our Christmas Dinner at the Dardanup Heritage Park on the 9<sup>th</sup> December, we are all looking forward to it. Olive has all the hampers made up & Dardanup Lions Club have donated 12 Christmas Cakes. The Dardanup Community Choir will be entertaining us.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Day was observed at 11am. Followed by the

Arthritis & Osteoporosis Seminar. Great advice from a Lawyer on estate planning & wills. He had many stories to tell about what happens when people have no Will or Power of Attorney in place. Many of the attendees stayed for the Chair Yoga.

It will be the last Chair Yoga for 2025 on the 25<sup>th</sup> November. Chair Yoga recommences on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Held at the Wells Rec Centre 1-2pm. Sponsored by the Shire of Dardanup.

Our next regular meeting will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> December, It will be our final meeting for 2025. It will be a shared luncheon so bring a plate of eats to share.

Visitors welcome, come & join us! Membership Application forms available. \$15 each per year.

Until next time "Take the time to smell the Roses"

**Revely Gardiner 0408833761**



**Seniors Week saw the Shire of Dardanup Host 2 events at Wells Recreation Park Clubrooms - Estate Planning and Chair Yoga**



## Dardanup Playgroup News

It is hard to believe we are already getting close to wrapping up 2025. It has been an amazing year for playgroup, we've welcomed lots of new friends and had an absolutely fantastic turn out at the Bull and Barrel festival at our baby change and feeding tent. This year we had fun activities set up and free fruit which were enjoyed by 96 happy kids! Amazing turn out which is pushing us to do it even bigger and better next year! We have some Christmas activities planned for the rest of the term and I hear Santa might be popping in to hand out some presents. We are saying goodbye to some of our little graduates who are starting school next year and looking forward to welcoming new families who wish to join a wonderful community.

**Leona George**



**Fun for Kids and Parents At the Dardanup Playgroup**

## FERGUSON CHURCH CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT



Please come and join us in our 'Carol service with a difference' on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 p.m.  
After the Carols you are welcome to adjourn 'next door' to St. Aidan Wines to enjoy a drink and bite of supper, in good company.  
[A plate of nibbles to share would be appreciated]

*Thankyou from the Dardanup Times team to all those who  
contribute news and wishing everyone a very  
Merry Xmas and safe and prosperous New Year*



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Santa is coming, so save the date!

## Ferguson Hall Christmas Tree

Start getting ready for our annual christmas tree celebration!  
Hit the interested going button on facebook to stay up to date on all the details!

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DECEMBER	21	SUNDAY

5:00PM

The Dardanup Lions Club and the Dardanup & Districts Residents Assoc. invites you to Dardanup's Australia Day Breakfast

Monday 26th January, from 8am @ Carramar Park, Little St. Dardanup

Children's games,  
free bouncy castle,  
Dardanup Community Choir &  
Music by Duo 'Geoff with Steve'

Gold coin donation  
Cooked breakfast (breakfast served between 8am - 9.30am)  
You are encouraged to BYO chairs, cutlery, plates and mugs

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Merry Christmas

Wespine thanks the Dardanup community  
for its support this year.

We wish everyone a safe and happy  
Christmas and all the very best for 2026.

